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1. Q. What motivated the hostility of the Crimean Tatars toward Moscow during World War II? Was it nationalism and anti-Russian feeling or dissatisfaction with the policies of the Communist Party?

A. In Crimea, there was both nationalistic and anti-Russian feeling as well as dissatisfaction with the Communist Party during World War II. The nationalist party, MILLIFIRKA (Peoples Party) had been an illegal one, and in the early 30's that party was disclosed by the NKVD and many people belonging to it were arrested and deported. The chairman of the Council of Peoples Commissars was involved and executed. In 1930-31, as a result of the collectivization of farms in Crimea, a disastrous famine was experienced and many people starved to death. In 1930-31 wealthy Crimean Tatars were deported to Siberia, and many villages were deserted. Both anti-Russian feeling and hatred of Communism resulted in a mass collaboration of the Tatars with the Germans. Now the Crimean Republic has been dissolved, and there seem to be no natives left there.

2. Q. The Soviet press admitted on 26 Jun 46 that the Chechen-Ingush ASSR had been dissolved because "many Chechens" had collaborated with Germans. It stated that the Chechens were resettled but made no mention of the Ingush. Did the Ingush suffer the same fate as the Chechens? What motivated the hostility of these people toward Moscow?

A. The roots of the hostility of the Chechens and Ingush toward Moscow are the same as those of the hostile Karachayevs and Balkars, even though the Balkars are Turkic tribes and the Chechens and Ingush are of Caucasian origin, speaking a language closely related with Circassian and other Caucasian languages. The Ingush are less numerous than the Chechens. This may explain why their fate, which seemingly was the same as the Chechens, has not been discussed in Soviet papers. As there was a joint Chechen-Ingush Republic, the dissolution of the republic affected the Ingush and the Chechens alike. As the Chechens have been resettled, the Ingush certainly underwent the same punishment even though there is no definite information about them available.

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